

## UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO PRESENT PLAY HERE



CAST OF "THE ARCADIAN" ASSEMBLED IN FINALE OF "THE VISITING GIRL." This is the first time in the history of the University that a play, written, staged and presented by University students has been put on at Virginia, and it is said that it far exceeds both in its lines and music any other ever produced there, not even excepting "The Visiting Girl." The play is the title of the show being put on this year by "The Arcadians," the dramatic club of the University of Virginia. The cast is as follows: "The Visiting Girl" is written—words and music—by Henshaw and Hull. Henshaw is the "Debbie" Henshaw so well known in Richmond as the leader in the old McCabe's School Orchestra, and a musician who is an amateur only in the technical sense that his art is practiced solely for the pleasure it gives. Hull, like Henshaw, is a native of Louisiana. The cast is composed of University students, and the scenery, especially painted for this play, consists of pieces, such as the rotunda at the University, the Academic Building, the ballroom, so familiar to the old students here, which is in the "gym." The idea running through the whole show is the appearance at the University, at the Easter festivities, of the shade of Thomas Jefferson, who approves or disapproves of everything he sees—and his approvals and disapprovals are expressed in no uncertain words. Among the Richmonders in the cast are Messrs. Frank Christian, Fred Polard and William Crump. The boxes will be occupied by debutantes of the season, and in every way the affair will be one of the most prominent social events of the theatrical season. After the performance the players will adjourn to the Masonic Temple, at which place a german will be given them by the girls of the city.

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**\$1.25** (Checked Marquissettes)  
Dress Berege Tissues . . . . .  
Goods Voile Ninons . . . . . **69c** yd

Three special numbers in light weight Dress Goods for Spring that we were fortunate enough to secure at the beginning of the season at almost half price.

The quantity is limited in some of the shades, and we will not be able to purchase another yard to sell for less than \$1.25.

THE BEREGE TISSUES are 42 inches wide, silk warp with a wool filling. Light gray, light and medium tan, cadet, reseda, cardinal, pink, beige, light blue, brown, green, navy and black.

THE CHECKED MARQUISSETTES are 44 inches wide, in cream, light blue, pearl, peachblow, gray, champagne, tan, reseda, cardinal, navy, black and brown.

THE VOILE NINONS are 44 inches wide, in cream, light blue, pink, Nile, violet, light gray, champagne, tan, reseda and dark green.

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SCHOOL FARMS  
MR. SANDY'S WORK

Tully Explained, So That Anybody Can Readily Take It In.

## BETTER TIMES FOR FARMERS

How It Makes Many Bushels Grow Where But Few Have Sprouted.

Three years ago a notable meeting of educators and publicists was held in the Capitol at Richmond to form some definite plan for improving our public schools. The outcome was the Co-operative Education Association, an organization now known and honored throughout the State and beyond for what it has done in making our public school system the chief focus of popular concern and of official activity. Without any thought of abating its zeal for the schools, but rather with a view to supplementing its work for general education, the association is now starting a new agency for the enrichment of our rural life.

The definite aim of this new movement is to make farming more profitable—to make the tilling of the soil, what of right it should be in a State endowed with natural advantages like ours, the most attractive and most profitable work that men can engage in.

The main thing needed to make sure of this is that the farmer, like successful men in other callings, shall be diligent in adhering to business methods and in taking advantage of demonstrated facts of applied science. The marvelous material progress of modern times is the work of science, and if farming is to recover and retain even step with other pursuits, it, too, must have recourse to scientific methods. Science is lending itself more and more to the explanation of the activities of the natural world and of the advantage that man may take of these activities. "The nature of the soil as related to the crop that will grow on it; the life of the plant as related to the amount of grain or forage or fruit it will bear; the body of the animal as related to the food which it requires for maintenance and growth; the life history of injurious insects and the means of destroying them—such things as these science has to offer to the man who makes his home on the farm." It is only a question of the farmer's knowing how, and this the association proposes to meet by showing him how. The plans rest upon no unproved theory. It is simply to put into practice here in Virginia what has been done over and over again with unflinching success in other States, where the United States Department of Agriculture and other agencies, through the careful selection of seed, better tillage, the proper use of fertilizers and the introduction of new crops, have wrought a revolution in farm methods and farm profits.

By judicious attention to seed alone the average yield of corn in Nebraska was raised in a single year from thirty bushels an acre to thirty-seven and a half bushels—an increase of 25 per cent. Mr. Melver Williamson, of Darlington county, S. C., has in a few years brought up the productivity of worn-out land from ten or fifteen bushels of corn an acre to an average of more than eighty bushels.

Twenty years ago Acadia, a district in Southwest Louisiana, was a stock-raising country, yielding the people a scanty living from the cattle that subsisted upon the cane-brakes. Dr. E. A. Knapp, of the United States Department of Agriculture, established some demonstration farms there to show that the tillage of the soil could be made profitable—a thing the natives did not believe possible. A transformation followed, by which Acadia, from being one of the poorest sections of the South, has become one of the most prosperous. In the hands of a single village, Lake Charles, more than a thousand farmers are depositors, and a number of them are men of wealth. Through the same agency Iowa has been converted from a wheat-raising to a cattle-growing State; and the income-producing power of its people has been increased to such an extent that they are among the wealthiest people in the world, the average annual earnings of each farm-worker being \$1,100.

Surprising accounts might also be given of what the department is doing through the production of new crops, as, for example, Durum wheat, Kaffir corn, Japanese rice and others, whereby large increments have been brought to the profit of farming. The work in Virginia will begin at once. It is to be carried on in connection with the United States Department of Agriculture, and under the personal direction of Mr. T. O. Sandy, of Burkeville, Va.

Mr. Sandy will open up a system of demonstration farms, or fields—for the present year not more than twenty—and these, within twenty-five or thirty miles of Burkeville along the railroads crossing the State, will be made available to the farmer. The directions of the demonstration in all particulars relative to preparation of soil, planting the crop, use of fertilizers, tillage, etc.; and Mr. Sandy giving instruction and supervision free.

Seed corn will also be furnished to the farmer without cost, but he will be expected to furnish his own manure. The farmer gets all the crop; he pays nothing for the instruction and help of the demonstrator. The association is most fortunate in its agent. Mr. Sandy was for several years a student of the Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg. About seven years ago he inaugurated, on a poor farm near Burkeville, a system of farming which he had made uncommonly profitable. At that time he had no land that was producing more than five or six bushels of corn per acre. Last year he made an average of twenty-five bushels, and this year he is aiming with confidence at a hundred. His success with grass has been no less striking. Last week I saw there, blue-grass and Holstein cattle that would do credit to Fauquier or Loudoun, and last summer at the first cutting, he got four tons of hay to the acre, and one and a half tons at the second cutting.

Mr. Sandy's mission is the extension of methods and results like these throughout the State. As the harbinger of better times for farmers, let him have a fair chance everywhere.

ROBERT FRAZER.

## SEABOARD TO-DAY.

## Corporation Commission Will Resume Rate Hearing.

The State Corporation Commission will resume the two-day passenger rate inquiry at 11 o'clock this morning, and the Seaboard Air Line will be the road whose witnesses will be heard.

The first will be Mr. T. W. Roby, comptroller of Seaboard, and the case will be conducted by Colonel E. Randolph Williams for the company and Attorney-General Anderson for the State.

It is likely that the hearing will run far into next week.

## Richmonders in New York.

NEW YORK, January 29.—The following Richmond people were registered at New York hotels to-day:

Waldorf—J. S. Bryan, Manhattan—Dr. H. H. Watt, Eastington—C. R. Caperton, Grand—J. H. Anderson, Broadway Central—R. B. Eberly, Navarre—H. I. Johnson, Hotel Astor—J. T. Duffy, York—J. S. Manning.

## The Best of References.

The new servant had presented her references, and the mistress read them over, declares a writer in Answers, with a doubtful eye. "I am not quite satisfied with your reference, Jane," she said. "Nayther am I, mum," responded the servant maid, "but they're the best I could get."

NEWS GATHERED  
FROM SOUTHSIDE

Meeting of Building and Land Committee Postponed Until Further Date.

## TO PURCHASE NEW NOZZLE

Manchester Elks to Hold Big Bazaar From May 20th to June 1st.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 112 Hull Street.

The meeting of the Building and Land Committee, which was scheduled for last night, was postponed until a further date, when the proposition of disposing of the land on Second and Stockton streets, where the Southern Oil Company are desirous of putting up oil tanks will be considered. City Attorney Page will look over the records and see whether the land belongs to the city or not. This point is involved in doubt, and the papers of forty years back will be examined carefully.

## Fire Commissioners.

The chief question discussed by the fire commissioners last night was whether or not the substitute firemen should be qualified voters. At the last meeting the fire department was instructed to get six substitutes, of which he has procured only two. The chief said he did not believe these two men were qualified voters. The ordinance provides that the firemen must be voters.

Commonwealth's Attorney Page and Mr. R. L. Patram stated that it was necessary for substitutes also to be placed before the Council and Board of Aldermen with a motion to repeal the ordinance. The following were appointed: Messrs. R. L. Patram, T. E. Taylor and A. R. Hooker.

## To Purchase Nozzle.

The Manchester fire department will have a new nozzle, costing \$65. It throws a solid stream and can be used for various purposes. The chief brought it before the Council and Board of Aldermen with a motion to repeal the ordinance. The following were appointed: Messrs. R. L. Patram, T. E. Taylor and A. R. Hooker.

## Elks to Give Bazaar.

After deciding to purchase the home of the Elks for \$7,000, a committee was appointed to arrange for a bazaar to raise money to help pay for it. Mr. D. L. Toney is chairman and Mr. Willis C. Pulliam secretary.

## Mr. Baugh Passes Away.

Mr. Robert S. Baugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Baugh, of No. 317 East Ninth Street, died in Williamsburg yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. He was in his thirty-fifth year, was a member of the Fifth Street Church, and was unmarried.

The body was brought to the home last night at 8 o'clock. The funeral will take place from the church this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The interment will be made in Maury Cemetery. The funeral of Mrs. Rebecca E. Hawks, who died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Victoria Godsey, of No. 406 West Eleventh Street, Monday night at 10:30 o'clock, will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from Bainbridge Street Baptist Church. The interment will be made in Maury Cemetery.

## Modern Puritans Consolidate.

Negotiations have been completed recently whereby the Modern Puritans, a fraternal insurance organization, having headquarters in Norfolk, is consolidating with the American Guild, of Richmond, S. Gaieski, president.

Mayor Maurice, as well as other members of the Modern Puritans, of Manchester, yesterday received their new insurance certificates from the new organization. All other members are receiving their papers, which assure the holder that every detail, rates, terms and method of payment of dues and benefits are guaranteed by the American Guild exactly as set forth in the original certificate or policy of the Modern Puritans.

## Coast Line Discharged.

After hearing witnesses for and against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, charged with violating the city ordinance in blocking the street and breaking schedules, Mayor Maurice yesterday morning dismissed the complaint. The allegation against the road was that it was blocking the street for one hour and fourteen minutes at another place. The city testified that the cars contained a number of passengers, including many ladies. At one time the train was unable to allow one car to pass, and then coupled up again, holding three or four cars.

In dismissing the Coast Line, Mayor Maurice advised Mr. C. C. Jones, general yardmaster, hereafter to instruct his engineers and conductors to break trains and let cars through whenever it became necessary to stop at Hill Street.

William Toney, who was arrested Saturday night on the charge of having used improper language on a Hill Street car, appeared before the Mayor yesterday morning, and was fined \$25 and costs.

## Personals and Briefs.

The four children of Councilman W. D. Ferguson, who have been quite sick, are much improved.

Mr. B. M. Robertson, of No. 1422 Porter Street, who has been sick in his home for the past week, is able to be out.

Miss Lena Mann, who has been visiting friends in Richmond and Manchester, returned yesterday to her home in Matinea.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Weatherford Memorial Baptist Church, Swansboro, will give a pie party in the home of Mrs. Henry Gibbs, Thirty-second and Hill streets, Thursday night.

Mrs. R. S. Smith, who has been living with her son, Mr. R. M. Smith, of No. 101 West Twelfth Street, is

## critically ill in the Retreat for the Sick.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give a Valentine tea in the lecture-room on the night of February 12th. Refreshments will be served and a special program will be rendered. There will be a silver offering at the door.

A box party will be given by the Juvenile Aid Society of Cowardin Avenue Christian Church, Thursday night at the residence of Mrs. C. O. Woodward, No. 112 Cowardin Avenue.

Fletcher Jackson, colored, of No. 2900 Doctor Street, was a passenger in one of the street cars that collided at Ninth and Main streets Monday, and is seriously hurt. He is suffering from injuries to his head.

Mrs. S. C. Nunnally continues quite ill at her home in Swansboro, after having been ill with an attack of the grip for three weeks.

Mrs. Rosa B. Scott, who is sick at her home in Swansboro, is improving slowly.

Mr. Thomas F. Martin and Miss Adeline T. Jackson, both of this city, were married Monday night at 8:30 o'clock in Petersburg at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Mary Stephens. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. V. Richards, of Petersburg. A large party of relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Martin went to Petersburg to be present at the wedding.

## SPECIAL SESSION OF CONFERENCE

## One May Be Called for Purpose of Choosing More Methodist Bishops.

Dispatches received in Richmond from Memphis, Tenn., a day or two ago, speaking of a movement among leading Methodist ministers and laymen looking to the election of additional bishops, has been considerably discussed in Methodist circles in Richmond.

Since the last conference, two bishops have died—Bishop Tygart and Bishop Smith. Bishop Duncan is reported to be failing, and Bishop Galloway, Bishop Key, and Bishop Morrison are known to be either inclined to a reporter last night that bishops of the Methodist Church are elected by the general conference, which ordinarily meets only once in four years, and which held its last session in May 1906. The general conference may be called at any time, however, by a majority of the bishops on thirty days' notice, and the college of bishops will meet in March to consider the advisability of holding an extra meeting of the general conference, to fill the vacancies in the bishoprics.

Methodist ministers of Richmond who were seen last night could not express any opinion as to who would probably be considered for the positions in the event an election is ordered. From other sources it is learned, however, that among the names that have been mentioned are the following:

Dr. W. J. Younkers, of Richmond; Rev. W. B. Watson, of New York; Dr. B. W. Mitchell, of Mississippi; Rev. J. C. Kilgo, of North Carolina; Rev. Collins Denny, of Baltimore; and Rev. James McCoy, of Alabama.

FOSTER'S FATE  
TO BE SETTLED

Board Meets Here To-Day to Hear Argument, But Members Gather Slowly.

## MEETING CALLED FOR NOON

Will Reaffirm Former Action, Matter May Finally Get Into the Courts.

Owing to the fact that it was known to the other members of the General Board of State Hospitals that Mr. S. H. Mansbrough, of Winchester, could not make convenient railroad connections and get here before noon to-day, only two of those who will sit in final judgment on the case of Dr. L. S. Foster, of the Eastern State Hospital, had arrived in this city up to last night.

They were Colonel R. S. Turk, of Staunton, and Judge James L. Tredway, of Chatham, and if their votes alone had to ultimately determine the controversy there would be a hopeless deadlock, for they are as far apart as the poles.

Colonel Turk is what might be termed a pro-Foster man, while Judge Tredway holds to the opinion of the majority of the board, that the superintendent should be removed from office.

They are both registered at the Richmond, and will be joined by their colleagues this morning, when a conference will be held prior to going to the Capitol for the purpose of hearing argument by counsel.

## Start in Afternoon.

The case will hardly get well under way until some time this afternoon, though it is the purpose of the board to get down to business as soon after 12 o'clock as possible.

Most of the board members will arrive on morning trains. Dr. Foster and his counsel, Colonel Joseph T. Lawless, will come up on the Chesapeake and Ohio, and Hon. George C. Bland, a member of the board, and a conference will be held prior to going to the Capitol for the purpose of hearing argument by counsel.

## Possible to Get Them.

It is probable that by holding a night session, the board may be able to hear all the argument, and finally determine the matter in one day, but it may possibly go over, consume a part of another day.

Hon. Eppa Hunton, Jr., will argue the

## case for the board, and will open and conclude, and Colonel Lawless will have an equal amount of time in which to speak for his client.

## Property Transfers.

Richmond—Bryan and Leake, special commissioners, to Patrick J. and Michael Lenehan, 19 feet on west line of Tenth Street, No. 404 north, and 19 1/2 feet on west line of Tenth Street, 131 1/2 feet north of Marshall Street, \$7,950.

W. J. Ready and W. A. Chesterton, 17 1/2 feet on east line of Lester Street, No. 3716, \$5.

Henry S. Wallerstein and wife to Mrs. E. Rosen, 15 1/2 feet on south line of Main Street, No. 1715 east, \$3,300.

George C. Walters, trustee, to John W. and Rosa Young, 27 feet on south line of Q Street, 122 feet east of Thirtieth Street, \$700.

Winfield Schnellenberg to Katie Schnellenberg, 30 feet on north line of Carrington Street, northeast corner of Twenty-fourth Street, consideration, love and affection.

Winfield Scott and wife to city of Richmond, same as reported from Henrico Circuit Court November 30, 1906.

Matthew Gilmour to same, same as reported from Henrico Circuit Court November 30, 1906.

Louis Schnellenberg to Katie Schnellenberg, 30 feet on north line of Kensington Avenue, 83 1/2 feet east of Cedar Street, subject to deed of trust for \$4,480, \$10.

Henrico—Thomas J. Cumber and wife to William L. Froman, 8 acres adjoining the lands of J. E. Broadbush and others, \$800.

James C. Schermerhorn and wife to William C. Schermerhorn, 93 1/2 acres on Chickahominy River, \$5.

Same to E. C. Sneed, 45 1/3 acres adjoining the lands of J. E. Broadbush and others, \$5.

Same to John A. Schermerhorn, 32 1/2 acres on Chickahominy River and 6 1/2 acres on Chickahominy River, \$5.

Same to E. A. Kelley, 45 1/3 acres on Chickahominy River, \$5.

Same to John A. Schermerhorn, 32 1/2 acres on Chickahominy River and 6 1/2 acres on Chickahominy River, \$5.

Costenbader, lot No. 13 in block No. 6, plan of Brookland Park, \$105.

E. S. Read and wife to Frieda Monro, lots Nos. 9 and 11 in block G, section 2, plan of Highland Springs, \$110.

## HENRICO NEWS.

Magistrate Angle Taken Sick at Courthouse Yesterday.

The jury in the Henrico Circuit Court, which has been for nearly a week, hearing the suit of Hoffman against the Locomotive Works, were unable to agree, and were finally dismissed yesterday, after twice visiting the scene of the alleged damage and hearing a mass of testimony and argument.

A new jury was summoned to hear the suit of Joseph A. Hoffman against the Fulton Park Amusement Company, in which the damages are placed at \$5,000. This suit grows out of a former case, as a result of the exploitation of a suburban settlement by the Havana Beach Musical Park Company, of Boston, who sold lots with the understanding that they were not to be resold to negroes of objectionable character.

Magistrate Angle, of Henrico, was taken sick at the County Courthouse yesterday, and had to be removed to his home. For several days Squire Angle has suffered from a severe cold, and yesterday had something like a chill. He hopes to be out again in a few days.

## THE PACE FAST TOWARD END OF THE GREAT RACE

